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CRIME & VIOLENCE:

LISA LING INVESTIGATES THE HIDDEN WORLD OF PUPPYMILLS

Oprah is asking animal lovers to unite. Find out why it's important to know where a puppy really comes from before you take it home.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

SUBSTANCE ABUSE:

NONE

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS:

NONE

HEALTH & HEALTH CARE:

OVERCOMING LIFELONG FEARS IN 30 MINUTES: DOES PAST LIFE REGRESSION WORK? (APRIL 2008)

You saw Dr. Oz try it. You saw our audience try it. Will one woman's night terrors be cured? Could past-life regression hold the key to overcoming lifelong fears?

DR OZ: A SPECIAL REPORT ON DEATH

A subject nobody really wants to think about, but which affects everyone. Candid confessions From those who are dying-and what it really means to live. (April 2008)

THE WOMAN WHO LOST 530 POUNDS

The most jaw dropping weight loss stories we've ever had! Whether you have 5 or 100 pounds to lose, our new challenge will get you started! (May 2008)

HEALTH CON'T :

MIRACLE SEXTUPLETS, TWINS REUNITED: SUPER SIBLINGS

Six little miracles...they're America's first! Then, one by one their family secret "came out". Plus, twins separated at birth. How the fairy-tale reunion happened. (MAY 2008)

Dr. OZ INVESTIGATES THE MAN WHO TURNED BLUE

Don't adjust your screen, he's not wearing makeup- he really is blue. Plus, Dr. Oz's first prescription for you, America! (MAY 2008)

Dr. OZ GOES TO OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE DISORDER CAMP

Millions of Americans are living in fear-terrified of germs, afraid to use the toilet, thinking food is poison. Six people have 72 hours to conquer their obsessive-compulsive disorder.

LIFE- SAVING LESSONS FROM FAMILIES LIKE YOURS

If you've ever driven after having just one drink, stop and listen. What one family wants changed today. Then, anyone who drives a car needs to see this.

RACIAL, ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS & SEXUAL:

POLYGAMY IN AMERICA: LISA LING REPORTS

Lisa Ling journeys to the secret world of polygamy-it's not what you think. Because Polygamy is Illegal, men rarely speak publicly about their plural marriages. (April 2008)

GAY AROUND THE WORLD

One guest says she was so fearful, she moved to a different country. And, a prince's secret was so taboo, it ripped his royal family apart. A look at what it is like to be gay around the world. (JUNE 2008)

THE FAMILIES BEHIND THE HEARTBREAKING MISTAKEN IDENTITY CASE

For five weeks, one family thought their daughter was alive, while another buried the wrong child. How did it happen? Both families share their unimaginable stories.

EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMY:

NONE

FAMILY ISSUES:

CHILDREN OF DIVORCE REVEAL THEIR SECRET THOUGHTS: (APRIL 2008)

Divorce expert M. Gary Neuman helps three families with the aftermath of divorce. His
Three rules for parents. (April 2008)

ELDERLY & AGING :

NONE

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CRIME & VIOLENCE

5AM - 4/1

D.C. POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING FOUR SHOOTINGS THAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT. ONE MAN WAS KILLED... THREE OTHERS WERE HURT IN SEPARATE INCIDENTS. ONE OF THE VICTIMS -- A 14-YEAR OLD BOY -- WAS SHOT IN THE LEG ON GOOD HOPE ROAD, SOUTHEAST. HIS INJURIES ARE NOT LIFE THREATENING. POLICE HAVE NO SUSPECTS IN ANY OF THE SHOOTINGS.

5AM - 4/10

THE D.C. GOVERNMENT PLANS TO BEGIN CENTRALIZED MONITORING OF ABOUT FIVE-THOUSAND SECURITY CAMERAS IT MAINTAINS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. THE CAMERAS WILL FORM A SURVEILLANCE NETWORK AIMED AT COMBATING CRIME AND TERRORISM. THE PROGRAM WILL CONSOLIDATE CAMERAS THAT MONITOR TRAFFIC, SCHOOL, AND PUBLIC HOUSING INTO ONE NETWORK. D.C.'S HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY WILL MANAGE THE NETWORK.

6AM - 4/21

D-C POLICE STATISTICS SHOW A DROP IN VIOLENT CRIME... BUT BURGLARIES IN THE DISTRICT ARE A GROWING PROBLEM. ACCORDING TO POLICE DATA -- THE NUMBER OF BURGLARIES IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR ROSE 21-PERCENT... OVER LAST YEAR. THE GREATEST INCREASES WERE ON CAPITOL HILL AND EAST OF THE ANACOSTIA RIVER. HOMICIDES DROPPED BY 11-PERCENT.

6AM - 5/24

RESIDENTS OF A MANASSAS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ARE ON EDGE AFTER SEVERAL RECENT FLAG BURNINGS. OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS... SOMEONE HAS BEEN TORCHING FLAGS AT HOMES IN THE BLOOMS-CROSSING NEIGHBORHOOD. IT'S AN AREA WHERE FLAGS AND PATRIOTIC SYMBOLS ARE ABUNDANT. THE CRIMES HAVE MADE PEOPLE UNDERSTANDABLY NERVOUS.

12PM- 4/9

D-C OFFICIALS SAY THEY WANT TO ACTIVELY KEEP AN EYE ON MORE THAN 5-THOUSAND SPOTS CITY-WIDE. THEY'RE PLANNING TO LINK CAMERAS THAT MONITOR TRAFFIC, SCHOOLS, AND PUBLIC HOUSING TO FORM A MASSIVE SURVEILLANCE NETWORK AIMED AT COMBATING CRIME AND TERRORISM. THE CITY'S 'HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY' WOULD MONITOR THE FEEDS. BUT SOME CIVIL LIBERTIES ADVOCATES HAVE RAISED CONCERNS SAYING THE CAMERAS INTRUDE ON PEOPLE'S PRIVACY.

12PM - 6/17

A VIRGINIA MAN IS FACING GRAND LARCENY CHARGES THIS NOON... ACCUSED OF STEALING GASOLINE. PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE SAY PHILLIP HARRIS STOLE MORE THAN 50-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN GAS FROM A WOODBRIDGE CHEVRON STATION.

THEY BELIEVE HARRIS USED A DEVICE TO UNLOCK THE PUMPS AND STEAL THE GAS... THEN HE SOLD IT TO HIS FRIENDS FOR HALF-PRICE.

5PM - 5/26

D-C'S NEWEST FAMILY ATTRACTION GIVES VISITORS A TASTE OF LIFE -- ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE LAW! THE 'NATIONAL CRIME AND PUNISHMENT MUSEUM' OPENED ON FRIDAY. IT GIVES AN INTERACTIVE LOOK AT THE WORLD OF CRIME -- AND CRIME *FIGHTING*. INSTEAD OF PAINTING AND SCULPTURES, THERE ARE PISTOLS AND HIGH-SPEED CHASE SIMULATORS. HOST JOHN WALSH WILL BE BROADCASTING HIS T-V SHOW, "AMERICA'S MOST WANTED" FROM THE MUSEUM.

5PM - 6/4

THE DISTRICT IS EXPANDING ITS CRIME CRACKDOWN AFTER A VIOLENT WEEKEND. OFFICIALS TODAY CALLED IT A TWO-PRONGED APPROACH. POLICE WILL STEP UP SECURITY IN HIGH CRIME AREAS, LIKE THE CITY'S FIFTH DISTRICT.. AND CONDUCT MORE VEHICLE CHECKS TO DISCOURAGE DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS AND GETAWAY CARS. POLICE WILL ALSO EXPAND THEIR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS IN OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS, TO KEEP AT-RISK YOUTH OFF THE STREETS.

6:30PM - 4/27

D-C POLICE PLAN TO INCREASE PATROLS CITY-WIDE, AFTER A SPIKE IN VIOLENT CRIME LEFT FOUR PEOPLE DEAD AND AT LEAST EIGHT OTHERS WOUNDED. THE SPATE OF SHOOTINGS AND KILLINGS STARTED LATE FRIDAY IN SOUTHEAST, SOUTHWEST, AND NORTHEAST WASHINGTON. POLICE SAY THREE MORE PEOPLE WERE WOUNDED IN SHOOTINGS LAST NIGHT. SO OFFICIALS ARE PULLING ADMINISTRATORS FROM BEHIND DESKS AND PUTTING THEM ON PATROL DUTIES-- TO HELP EXPAND POLICE PRESENCE ON CITY STREETS.

11PM - 4/9

TWO MEN ARE BEHIND BARS TONIGHT AFTER LEADING POLICE ON A CHASE THROUGH MARYLAND AND THE DISTRICT. POLICE SAY THE CHASE BEGAN AFTER THEY SPOTTED A CAR THAT WAS STOLEN ON SUNDAY. OFFICERS FOLLOWED THE CAR AT HIGH SPEEDS THROUGH PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY AND INTO NORTHEAST D-C. THE CHASE ENDED IN AN APARTMENT COMPLEX PARKING LOT. SEVERAL VEHICLES, INCLUDING SOME POLICE CARS, WERE STRUCK DURING THE PURSUIT.

11PM - 4/27

VIRGINIA LAWMAKERS ARE TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS REGULATING SALES AT GUN SHOWS. THE 'STATE CRIME COMMISSION' SAYS IT WANTS TO GIVE LEGISLATORS A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DEBATE. IN THE COMMONWEALTH-- PRIVATE SELLERS AT GUN SHOWS DO *NOT* HAVE TO RUN BACKGROUND CHECKS ON PROSPECTIVE CUSTOMERS. CRITICS ARE DEMANDING THE SO-CALLED LOOPHOLE BE CLOSED IN LIGHT OF THE VIRGINIA TECH CAMPUS SHOOTINGS.

11PM - 5/10

AN ARMED CRIMINAL MAY HAVE ESCAPED WITH HIS LIFE-- BUT HE DIDN'T GET AWAY WITH HIS LOOT THIS AFTERNOON. BLADENSBURG POLICE SAY THAT SHORTLY AFTER 3 THIS AFTERNOON, A CARJACKING SUSPECT ACCIDENTALLY RAMMED A STOLEN BLACK SEDAN INTO AN ON-COMING C-S-X TRAIN. OFFICERS SAY HE THEN JUMPED-OUT OF THE STOLEN CAR AND FLED ON FOOT. THE SUSPECT IS STILL AT LARGE TONIGHT.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

5AM - 5/2

THE D.C. COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING A PLAN TO AID SMALL BUSINESSES. COUNCIL MEMBER PHIL MENDELSON HAS PROPOSED USING ABOUT SIX-MILLION DOLLARS TO HELP GIVE THEM PROPERTY TAX CUTS. THE FUNDING WOULD COME FROM MONEY BUDGETED TO COVER VACANCIES IN THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

5AM - 5/6

VOTERS GO TO THE POLLS TODAY.. FOR ELECTIONS IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA CITIES AND TOWNS. AT STAKE ARE CONTESTS FOR MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS IN THE FAIRFAX, LOUDOUN, AND PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY AREAS. POLLS ARE OPEN FROM SIX A.M. UNTIL SEVEN P.M.

6AM - 4/8

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS COULD BE GETTING A PAY RAISE OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. COUNTY EXECUTIVE ISIAH LEGGETT SIGNED UNION AGREEMENTS GIVING MOST FIREFIGHTERS A 28-PERCENT PAY HIKE OVER THREE YEARS. THE DEAL ALSO IMPROVES RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR SOME POLICE OFFICERS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT GROUPS. CRITICS CLAIM THE CONTRACTS ARE TOO GENEROUS. THE DEALS NEED APPROVAL FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

6AM - 5/21

LOCAL TAXES ARE HEADED HIGHER IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. THE COUNTY COUNCIL VOTED YESTERDAY TO RAISE THE COUNTY'S INCOME TAX NEXT YEAR FROM THREE-POINT-ONE TO THREE-POINT-TWO PERCENT. THE MOVE REVERSES A TAX CUT APPROVED IN 2006. OFFICIALS SAY THE INCREASE WILL GENERATE 13-MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT. AND IT WILL COST THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD ABOUT 40 DOLLARS.

12PM - 4/4

THE DISTRICT IS TRYING TO BRING WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE TAXICABS TO THE CITY. LAST YEAR, THE COUNCIL AUTHORIZED USING ABOUT 200-THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF GRANT MONEY FOR THE CABS. NOW THE D-C TAXICAB COMMISSION HAS UNTIL APRIL 17TH TO FIND APPLICANTS FOR THE GRANTS TO HELP BRING SUCH CABS TO THE CITY. D-C IS ONE OF THE FEW CITIES THAT DOESN'T OFFER THE SERVICE.

12PM - 5/7

VERIZON FIOS T-V IS COMING TO MANASSAS. THE CITY COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A 15-YEAR FRANCHISE WITH THE CABLE COMPANY THAT CLEARS THE WAY FOR FIBER-OPTIC SERVICES TO LIGHT UP T-V'S ACROSS THE CITY. VERIZON SAYS MORE THAN 11-HUNDRED HOMES CAN ALREADY ORDER FIOS, AND THE SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MORE RESIDENTS WITHIN THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

12PM - 5/29

D-C IS SETTING ASIDE MONEY TO FIGHT FOR MORE REPRESENTATION IN CONGRESS. THE D-C COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO APPROVE A BILL TO SPEND HALF-A-MILLION DOLLARS ON LOBBYING EFFORTS. A BILL UNDER CONSIDERATION WOULD ADD A SEAT FOR DEMOCRATIC-LEANING D-C AND ONE FOR REPUBLICAN-LEANING UTAH. RIGHT NOW, DELEGATE ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON CAN VOTE IN COMMITTEE... BUT NOT ON THE HOUSE FLOOR.

5PM - 5/27

FOR COUPLES WHO WANT TO TIE THE KNOT IN THE DISTRICT, IT COULD SOON PAY TO GO TO CLASS. THE CITY COUNCIL MET TODAY TO CONSIDER A 'SAFE MARRIAGE BILL,' WHICH AIMS TO ENCOURAGE PRE-MARITAL EDUCATION. UNDER THE BILL, COUPLES WHO COMPLETE A SPECIAL COURSE WOULD ONLY HAVE TO PAY 35 DOLLARS FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE. COUPLES WHO DO NOT TAKE THE COURSE WOULD HAVE TO PAY 65-DOLLARS.

6PM - 5/6

OCEAN CITY IS ON THE FAST TRACK TO REDUCING THE PENALTY FOR AN OPEN CONTAINER VIOLATION. THE TOWN COUNCIL VOTED SIX TO ONE TO DECRIMINALIZE CARRYING ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC. UNDER THE PROPOSAL, A VIOLATOR WOULD BE GIVEN A TICKET AND A TWO HUNDRED DOLLAR FINE INSTEAD OF BEING ARRESTED. A FINAL VOTE IS EXPECTED IN TWO WEEKS.

6PM - 5/7

DON'T GET IN THE WAY OF D-C STREET SWEEPERS OR YOU COULD END UP WITH A TICKET. THE D-C COUNCIL APPROVED PUTTING CAMERAS ON THE CITY'S 20 STREET SWEEPERS. THE CAMERAS WILL BE ABLE TO SCAN LICENSE PLATES AND CREATE 30 DOLLAR TICKETS FOR PEOPLE WHO VIOLATE PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON STREET CLEANING DAYS. THE CAMERAS COULD BE INSTALLED THIS SUMMER.

6PM - 5/22

MONTGOMERY COUNTY RESIDENTS CAN BREATHE A SIGH OF RELIEF... NOW THAT A PROPOSAL TO RAISE PROPERTY TAXES HAS *FAILED.* THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TODAY IN FAVOR OF THE BUDGET THAT KEEPS THE PROPERTY TAX RATE UNCHANGED AND INCLUDES A 579 DOLLAR PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR OWNER-OCCUPANTS OF PRINCIPAL RESIDENCES. THE SCHOOL SYSTEM WILL HAVE TO CUT 27 MILLION DOLLARS FROM ITS MORE THAN TWO BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

5AM - 6/19

THE D.C. COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING BANNING THE SALE OF SINGLE CONTAINERS OF BEER IN SOME PARTS OF THE CITY. A NEW BILL WOULD OUTLAW THE SALE OF SINGLE CONTAINERS OF BEER, ALE, OR MALT LIQUOR.. FROM SHAW TO LOGAN CIRCLE.. AND IN A LARGE PART OF WARD SIX. OFFICIALS SAY THE CONTAINERS CONTRIBUTE TO LITTERING, LOITERING, AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

5AM - 6/30

A HORRIFYING NIGHT FOR PEOPLE AT A MOVIE THEATER IN BELTSVILLE.. 26 PEOPLE WHO WERE WATCHING A MOVIE LAST NIGHT AT LOEWS CENTER PARK EIGHT BECAME ILL.. AFTER AN IRRITANT WAS RELEASED. POLICE BELIEVE THE SUBSTANCE WAS MACE. THE THEATER WAS EVACUATED. THREE OF THE 26 WERE TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL. POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING.

12PM - 5/9

DEPRESSED TEENS WHO SMOKE MARIJUANA ARE AT INCREASED RISK FOR ADDICTION AND MENTAL ILLNESS, ACCORDING TO THE 'OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY.' A NEW REPORT SAYS A TEEN WHO HAS BEEN DEPRESSED AT SOMEPOINT WITH IN THE PAST YEAR IS MORE THAN TWICE AS LIKELY TO EXPERIMENT WITH POT. AND FEDERAL RESEARCHERS SAY REGULAR MARIJUANA USERS ARE THREE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO HAVE SUICIDAL THOUGHTS THAN NON-USERS.

12PM - 5/23

THERE ARE CONCERNS THAT CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS IN D.C. COULD BE JEOPARDIZED.. BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S EVIDENCE WAREHOUSE. THAT'S WHERE POLICE STORE GUNS, DRUGS, AND CASH THAT ARE SEIZED FROM SUSPECTS. THE D.C. INSPECTOR GENERAL RECENTLY FOUND THAT EVIDENCE WAS LOST, UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL WERE ALLOWED ACCESS, AND RECORDS WERE IN DISARRAY

12PM - 6/30

LOUDOUN COUNTY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES WON'T BE ALLOWED TO SMOKE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.. STARTING JANUARY FIRST. THE SCHOOL BOARD PASSED THE BAN LAST WEEK. THE OLD RULES ALLOWED SMOKING IN DESIGNATED AREAS, OUT OF STUDENTS' VIEW. THE NEW POLICY GIVES THE DISTRICT TIME TO DESIGN PROGRAMS TO HELP PEOPLE WHO WANT TO QUIT. MONTGOMERY AND FAIRFAX COUNTIES HAVE SIMILAR BANS.

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

5AM - 4/25

THIS MORNING.. D.C. MAYOR ADRIAN FENTY PLANS TO ANNOUNCE FUNDING FOR UP TO 710 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR PROJECTS IN D.C. HE'LL ALSO ANNOUNCE THE AVAILABILITY OF THREE D.C.-OWNED PROPERTIES THAT CAN BE CONVERTED INTO NEW STORES, RESTAURANTS, AND HOUSING. THOSE PROPERTIES ARE IN THE 38-HUNDRED BLOCK OF GEORGIA AVENUE, NORTHWEST.

6AM - 4/3

THE DISTRICT IS WAGING A BATTLE TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS. D-C MAYOR ADRIAN FENTY SAYS THE CITY WILL CREATE A 19-POINT-TWO MILLION DOLLAR PROGRAM -- CALLED HOUSING FIRST. IT WILL PROVIDE PERMANENT HOUSING AND EXTENSIVE SOCIAL SERVICES FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE IN THE CITY. THE MAYOR SAYS THE PROGRAM WILL BE SUPPORTED BY THE SALE OF CITY PROPERTIES.

12PM - 4/2

IT SHOULD NOW BE HARDER FOR D.C. LANDLORDS TO TURN RENT-CONTROLLED BUILDINGS INTO CONDOS. THE D.C. COUNCIL HAS VOTED TO REPEAL A LAW THAT GAVE LANDLORDS AN EXEMPTION TO THE CITY'S TENANTS' RIGHTS LAWS. THE LAW ALLOWED LANDLORDS TO AVOID COSTLY FEES FOR THE CONVERSIONS IF THEIR BUILDINGS WERE VACANT. CRITICS SAY THAT GAVE LANDLORDS AN INCENTIVE TO DRIVE AWAY THEIR TENANTS.

12PM - 4/10

CONGRESS IS CONSIDERING A FEDERAL FORECLOSURE BILL. AND D-C MAYOR ADRIAN FENTY AND MARYLAND GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY WILL TESTIFY ON CAPITOL HILL TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE MEASURE. O'MALLEY JUST SIGNED INTO LAW SEVERAL BILLS TO PREVENT A FUTURE HOUSING CRISIS IN THE STATE. AFTER TESTIFYING TODAY, O'MALLEY WILL VISIT PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY... WHICH HAS THE HIGHEST FORECLOSURE RATE IN MARYLAND.

12PM - 4/14

NEW FIGURES ARE OUT ON HOME PRICES IN THE FREDERICKSBURG AREA. THE "FREE LANCE-STAR" REPORTS DRAMATIC INCREASES FROM 2000 TO 2006.. AND SHARP DECLINES SINCE THEN. MEDIAN HOME PRICES NEARLY TRIPLED FROM EARLY IN THE DECADE.. TO JUNE OF 2006.. WHEN THEY PEAKED AT NEARLY 350-THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE MEDIAN PRICE LAST MONTH WAS 265-THOUSAND DOLLARS.. ABOUT 24-PERCENT BELOW THE PEAK PRICE. A LOCAL HOUSING ANALYST TELLS THE PAPER.. IT'S ANYONE'S GUESS HOW LONG THE MARKET WILL STAY DOWN.

12PM - 6/25

D-C IS CRACKING DOWN ON NEGLIGENT LANDLORDS. THE 'DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS' HAS ANNOUNCED IT WILL START REGULARLY INSPECTING APARTMENT BUILDINGS IN THE CITY ...IN HOPES OF EXPOSING DANGEROUS OR ILLEGAL CONDITIONS. CURRENTLY, THE DISTRICT ONLY INSPECTS A BUILDING IF TENANTS HAVE COMPLAINED. OFFICIALS HOPE TO HAVE AN INSPECTION SCHEDULE IN PLACE BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

11PM - 6/19

"OPERATION MALICIOUS MORTGAGE" NETS MORE THAN FOUR-HUNDRED SUSPECTED REAL ESTATE CROOKS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. AT LEAST ONE PERSON FROM OUR REGION WAS ARRESTED IN THE FEDERAL CRACKDOWN. F-B-I AGENTS SAY THE SUSPECTS PREYED ON HOMEOWNERS FACING FORECLOSURE. THE F-B-I PUTS THE VICTIMS' LOSSES AT MORE THAN ONE-BILLION DOLLARS.

HEALTH & HEALTH CARE

5AM - 6/17

VIRGINIA TECH PLANS TO BUILD A NEW RESEARCH FACILITY IN THE BALLSTON SECTION OF ARLINGTON. THE BUILDING ON NORTH GLEBE ROAD IS SET TO BE COMPLETED IN 2010. THE CENTER WILL BRING 150 RESEARCHERS, FACULTY, AND STAFF MEMBERS TO THE AREA. THEY'LL DELVE INTO ISSUES INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND NATIONAL SECURITY.

12PM - 4/25

NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS IN THE DISTRICT WILL GET A FINANCIAL SHOT IN THE ARM BY THE SUMMER. OFFICIALS SAY NEARLY HALF-A-MILLION DOLLARS IN CITY FUNDING WILL BE PUMPED INTO FOUR ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK TO REDUCE RATES OF H-I-V AND AIDS INFECTIONS. LAST YEAR, CONGRESS LIFTED A BAN PROHIBITING THE CITY FROM SPENDING ITS TAX DOLLARS TO PROVIDE DRUG ADDICTS WITH CLEAN NEEDLES IN RETURN FOR USED SYRINGES.

12PM - 6/25

THE DISTRICT IS SUING A MAJOR HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDER IN THE METRO AREA. INTERIM ATTORNEY GENERAL PETER NICKLES SAYS CARE-FIRST BLUE-CROSS BLUE-SHIELD DOESN'T LIVE UP TO ITS END OF THE BARGAIN AS A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION. ACCORDING TO D-C'S COMPLAINT, CARE-FIRST LOGGED A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR SURPLUS LAST YEAR, WHICH DOESN'T SERVE ITS CUSTOMERS. THE COMPANY HAS NOT COMMENTED ON THE LAWSUIT.

6PM - 5/10

FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICIALS ARE TRYING TO BLOCK A HOSPITAL MERGER PLAN IN VIRGINIA. THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION AND VIRGINIA ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT MCDONNELL SAY THE ACQUISITION OF PRINCE WILLIAM HOSPITAL BY INOVA HEALTH SYSTEM COULD MONOPOLIZE IN-PATIENT HEALTH SERVICES IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY. INOVA ALREADY OPERATES FIVE HOSPITALS IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA. PRINCE WILLIAM HOSPITAL LACKS THE MONEY TO KEEP RUNNING ON ITS OWN.

6PM - 5/20

A FEDERAL APPEALS COURT DECLARED VIRGINIA'S BAN ON A TYPE OF LATE TERM ABORTION UNCONSTITUTIONAL. THERE IS A FEDERAL BAN ON THESE TYPES OF ABORTIONS. IT PROTECTS DOCTORS WHO BELIEVE THEY ARE PERFORMING A LEGAL ABORTION BUT IN THE END PERFORM THE BANNED ABORTION. THE VIRGINIA LAW DOES NOT PROTECT THESE DOCTORS AND THE COURT OF APPEALS CITED THAT DIFFERENCE IN TODAY'S DECISION.

RACIAL, ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS & SEXUAL

5AM - 4/4

A NURSING ADMINISTRATOR AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL HAS FILED A SEXUAL HARASSMENT LAWSUIT. "THE WASHINGTON POST" REPORTS.. EVELYN WHITE IS SEEKING FOUR-MILLION DOLLARS IN DAMAGES. SHE SAYS HOWARD'S CHAIRMAN OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE SUBJECTED HER TO UNWELCOME TOUCHING, SEXUAL DEMANDS, AND VULGAR REMARKS. THE CHAIRMAN, GEOFFREY MOUNTVARNER, WOULD NOT COMMENT.

5AM - 4/15

THERE'S NOW WORD THAT THE HEAD OF THE SMITHSONIAN LATINO CENTER RESIGNED IN FEBRUARY.. AMID ETHICAL CONCERNS. THE SMITHSONIAN INSPECTOR GENERAL FOUND THAT PILAR O'LEARY BILLED THE SMITHSONIAN FOR "EXTRAVAGANT AND LAVISH TRAVEL EXPENSES." THE INVESTIGATION FOUND THAT SHE USED HER EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR OUTINGS TO A SPA.. AND TOOK LIMOS FREQUENTLY. THE REPORT WAS RELEASED IN RESPONSE TO A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST BY "THE WASHINGTON POST."

6AM - 5/30

THE STATE OF VIRGINIA IS TAKING STEPS TO ENSURE THAT TEACHERS WHO SEXUALLY ABUSE CHILDREN AREN'T ALLOWED BACK IN THE CLASSROOM. THE STATE PASSED A LAW THAT REQUIRES THE COURTS TO PROMPTLY NOTIFY LOCAL SCHOOLS DIVISIONS WHEN TEACHERS ARE CONVICTED OF FELONY SEXUAL OFFENSES INVOLVED CHILDREN... AND FELONY DRUG CRIMES. THE LAW GOES INTO EFFECT JULY FIRST.

5PM - 4/23

VIDEO CAMERAS MAY *NOT* BE INSTALLED IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE CRUISERS. POLICE CHIEF CHARLIE DEAN HAD REQUESTED THE CAMERAS TO PROTECT AGAINST ALLEGATIONS OF RACIAL PROFILING AFTER THE COUNTY CRACKED DOWN ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. OFFICERS ARE NOW REQUIRED TO CHECK THE IMMIGRATION STATUS OF ANYONE THEY SUSPECT MIGHT BE IN THE COUNTRY ILLEGALLY. THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS TENTATIVELY AGREED TO NIX THE CAMERAS, IN AN EFFORT TO CUT COSTS.

5PM - 6/5

FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE ON THE VERGE OF SHELIVING A CONTROVERSIAL STUDY ON RACIAL AND ETHNIC GAPS IN STUDENT BEHAVIOR. THE SCHOOL BOARD DELAYED A VOTE ON APPROVING THE REPORT BACK IN APRIL. NOW, IT WILL VOTE IN TWO WEEKS WHETHER TO RE-WORK THE STUDY OR SUSPEND IT INDEFINITELY. SOME BOARD MEMBERS THINK THE REPORT DATA IS FLAWED AND FUELS NEGATIVE STEREOTYPES.

5PM - 6/30

TWO MEN WHO TIED THE KNOT IN VIRGINIA WILL *NOT* FACE CHARGES. 31 YEAR-OLD ANTONIO BLOUNT AND 18 YEAR-OLD JUSTIN MCCAIN WERE MARRIED DURING A CIVIL CEREMONY IN NORFOLK BACK IN MARCH. JUSTIN WAS DRESSED AS A WOMAN AND CALLED HIMSELF 'JUSTINE.' IT WASN'T UNTIL WEEKS LATER THAT OFFICIALS DISCOVERED 'JUSTINE' WAS ACTUALLY BORN A MAN. SAME SEX MARRIAGES ARE ILLEGAL IN VIRGINIA.

6PM - 4/17

THE VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT IS HEARING TESTIMONY TODAY ON THE REACH OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S BAN ON SAME-SEX UNIONS. LISA MILLER AND JANET JENKINS OBTAINED A CIVIL UNION IN VERMONT AND LATER MOVED THERE WITH THEIR DAUGHTER. NOW THE COUPLE HAS SPLIT AND MILLER HAS RETURNED TO VIRGINIA. SHE WANTS TO NULLIFY A VERMONT JUDGE'S VISITATION ORDER. JENKINS' ATTORNEY ARGUES CUSTODY ORDERS OF ONE STATE MUST BE ENFORCED IN OTHER STATES.

6PM - 5/24

A MASSIVE D-C BASED CHURCH HAS ELECTED A NEW PASTOR. 'THE UNITED HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE' HAS SELECTED APOSTLE C-M BAILEY TO LEAD THE CHURCH. THE DOMINATION HAS MORE THAN ONE AND A HALF MILLION MEMBERS IN 25 STATES. BAILEY, A PASTOR FROM GEORGIA, REPLACES BISHOP S-C "DADDY" MADISON WHO DIED IN APRIL. MADISON SERVED 17 YEARS AS BISHOP

6PM - 6/21

AND THE IMMIGRATION DEBATE IS TOP OF MIND IN *NORTHERN VIRGINIA AS WELL. THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION SAYS ITS KEEPING AN EYE ON A LOUDOUN COUNTY PLAN TO CHECK THE IMMIGRATION STATUS OF SUSPECTS. A SIMILAR PROGRAM IS ALREADY IN PLACE IN SEVERAL VIRGINIA JURISDICTIONS INCLUDING PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MANASSAS. CRITICS SAY THE PLAN LEADS TO RACIAL PROFILING.

11PM - 5/17

THE CALIFORNIA COURT DECISION TO ALLOW SAME SEX MARRIAGES IS MAKING WAVES IN OUR AREA. MARYLAND STATE SENATOR RICHARD MADALENO -- WHO IS OPENLY GAY -- SAYS CALIFORNIA COULD PAVE THE WAY FOR SAME SEX MARRIAGES TO BE LEGAL IN THE FREE STATE. GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY IS EXPECTED TO SIGN A PAIR OF BILLS GRANTING SOME BENEFITS TO SAME-SEX PARTNERS. THE BILLS WOULD BECOME LAW WITHOUT O'MALLEY'S SIGNATURE IF HE DOESN'T TAKE ACTION BY MAY 27TH.

11PM - 6/28

A BALTIMORE COUNTY JUDGE SAYS THE N-DOUBLE-A-C-P *WILL BE ALLOWED TO REVIEW POLICE DOCUMENTS ABOUT RACIAL PROFILING. THE DECISION COMES THREE MONTHS AFTER THE STATE SETTLED A CASE IN WHICH MARYLAND STATE POLICE WERE ACCUSED OF PULLING OVER DRIVERS BECAUSE OF THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN. THE N-DOUBLE-A-C-P AND THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION HAVE ACCUSED STATE POLICE OF WITHHOLDING INFORMATION ABOUT RACIAL PROFILING COMPLAINTS IN THE PAST.

EDUCATION

5AM - 4/24

VIRGINIA LAWMAKERS APPROVED A NEARLY ONE-AND-A-HALF BILLION DOLLAR BOND PACKAGE. THE MONEY WOULD FINANCE HIGHER EDUCATION, STATE PARKS, AND MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES WITH PUBLIC BORROWING. YESTERDAY'S VOTE CAME DURING A ONE-DAY SESSION DESIGNED TO COMPLETE THE YEAR'S UNFINISHED LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

6AM - 6/4

TWO D.C. COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE PROPOSING CHANGES IN HOW PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS ARE ESTABLISHED AND REGULATED. "THE WASHINGTON POST" REPORTS.. VINCENT GRAY AND TOMMY WELLS WANT A 15-MONTH PLANNING PERIOD BEFORE NEWLY APPROVED SCHOOLS CAN OPEN. THEY'RE ALSO CALLING FOR A D.C. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTEES TO THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD.

12PM - 4/25

PRESIDENT BUSH SAYS HE WANTS TO EXPAND THE D-C SCHOOL VOUCHER PROGRAM TO INCLUDE MORE CHILDREN. MR. BUSH PLANS TO URGE CONGRESS TO REAUTHORIZE THE PROGRAM... WHICH EXPIRES AFTER THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR. SINCE 1994, 26-HUNDRED LOW-INCOME CHILDREN HAVE RECEIVED UP TO 75-HUNDRED DOLLARS A YEAR TO HELP THEM ATTEND PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

12PM - 5/26

THE VIRGINIA EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS TESTING AN ELECTRONIC TRANSCRIPT PROGRAM.. AT NINE VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOLS. THE PROGRAM IS INTENDED TO CREATE A MORE SECURE AND FASTER WAY TO GET TRANSCRIPTS TO COLLEGES.. THAN MAILING THEM. IF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS SUCCESSFUL, UP TO 30 VIRGINIA SCHOOL SYSTEMS COULD BEGIN USING THE SYSTEM NEXT YEAR.

5PM - 4/15

SOME D-C SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE BEING URGED TO REJECT A BUYOUT OFFER. LAST WEEK...SCHOOLS CHANCELLOR MICHELLE RHEE ANNOUNCED A PLAN THAT WOULD GIVE BONUSES TO NEARLY 700-TEACHERS IN EXCHANGE FOR LEAVING IN JUNE. THE TEACHERS UNION SAYS THE PROGRAM ENCOURAGES YOUNG AND MID-LEVEL TEACHERS TO QUIT. A SPOKESWOMAN FOR RHEE SAYS NO ONE SHOULD FEEL OBLIGATED TO TAKE THE BUYOUT.

11PM - 6/7

THERE ARE CALLS FOR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE DISTRICT. CRITICS SAY THE UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FAVORS FOUR-YEAR DEGREES... AND DOESN'T PROVIDE CRITICAL JOB TRAINING FOR RESIDENTS. THOSE SKILLS COULD HELP REDUCE THE CITY'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WHICH IS HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. RIGHT NOW, SOME D-C STUDENTS ARE USING FEDERAL MONEY TO ATTEND SCHOOLS OUTSIDE THE CITY.

11PM - 6/16

VIRGINIA'S SPECIAL EDUCATION LAWS MAY BE CHANGING AND MANY PARENTS ARE WORRIED THAT THEIR CHILDREN'S CLASSROOMS WILL SUFFER. AMONG THE PROPOSED CHANGES--- A PLAN THAT WOULD LET SCHOOL OFFICIALS END A STUDENT'S SPECIAL EDUCATION WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT. THE STATE'S DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SAYS THE PROPOSALS ARE MEANT TO BRING VIRGINIA IN LINE WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMY

5AM - 5/20

SEVERAL D-C POLICE OFFICERS FIRED FOR MISCONDUCT.. GOT THEIR JOBS BACK. METROPOLITAN POLICE CHIEF CATHY LANIER SAYS SHE WAS FORCED TO RE-HIRE THE OFFICERS.. BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT MISSED CRITICAL DEADLINES TO TAKE ACTION. 17 OFFICERS WERE DISMISSED FOR COMMITTING INFRACTIONS WHILE ON THE CLOCK. LANIER SAYS THE INCIDENTS PRE-DATE HER ADMINISTRATION.

5AM - 6/23

NON-PROFIT GROUPS FEAR THE SLOWING ECONOMY WILL TAKE A TOLL ON DONATIONS THIS YEAR. A NEW STUDY BY THE "GIVING U-S-A FOUNDATION" SAYS DESPITE THE HOUSING AND CREDIT CRUNCHES LAST YEAR.... DONATIONS HELD STEADY. BUT THIS YEAR -- SOARING GAS AND FOOD PRICES MAY FORCE PEOPLE TO CUT BACK. CONTRIBUTIONS LAST YEAR TOPPED 306 BILLION DOLLARS. SMALLER NON-PROFITS ARE MOST VULNERABLE TO A DROP IN DONATIONS

12PM - 4/24

IT'S GETTING CLOSE TO COLLEGE GRADUATION SEASON... WHICH MEANS A NEW CROP MORE THAN A MILLION NEW GRADS ARE ABOUT TO LEAP INTO A TOUGH JOB MARKET. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADS ARE DOWN 8 PERCENT FROM THE 2007 FORECAST. IN THIS SHRINKING MARKET-- GRADS OFTEN NEED AN EXTRA PUSH. AND INCREASINGLY--- IT'S COMING FROM THEIR PARENTS.

12PM - 5/6

AS MANY AS 30 D-C SCHOOL PRINCIPALS WILL BE LOOKING FOR NEW JOBS. THE WASHINGTON POST SAYS SCHOOLS CHANCELLOR MICHELLE RHEE HAS STARTED NOTIFYING THE AFFECTED PRINCIPALS ABOUT THE MOVE. THE DISMISSALS ARE PART OF AN EFFORT TO RESTRUCTURE SCHOOLS THAT HAVE NOT MADE ADEQUATE PROGRESS AS REQUIRED BY THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND LAW.

5PM - 5/2

LABOR UNIONS SAY SLOTS COULD BE A GOLDMINE FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND. THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARYLAND AND D-C A-F-L-C-I-O SAYS UNION MEMBERS WILL LOBBY RESIDENTS TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF A REFERENDUM IN NOVEMBER ...THAT WOULD ALLOW 15-THOUSAND SLOT MACHINES TO BE SET UP ACROSS THE STATE. HE SAYS THE GAMES WOULD CREATE THOUSANDS OF NEW JOBS. OPPONENTS ARGUE GAMBLING WOULD ONLY HURT THE ECONOMY.

5PM - 6/16

MORE THAN 19-THOUSAND DISTRICT TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS ARE NOW WORKING AT THEIR CITY-SPONSORED SUMMER JOBS. AND DISTRICT OFFICIALS SAY THEY'VE WORKED OUT THE PAYROLL PROBLEMS THAT FRUSTRATED MANY WORKERS IN THE PAST THIS YEAR, THE DISTRICT WILL USE A VISA DEBIT CARD SYSTEM. IT CHARGES FEWER FEES THAN THE ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER CARDS USED LAST YEAR. THOSE OLD CARDS CHARGED A-T-M FEES WHENEVER WORKERS MADE A WITHDRAWAL.

6PM - 4/1

THE SLUMPING ECONOMY IS TO BLAME FOR THE CANCELLATION OF MARYLAND'S SEAFOOD FESTIVAL. THE ANNE ARUNDEL AND ANNAPOLIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BELIEVES REVENUE FOR THE FESTIVAL WOULD BE 20 PERCENT LOWER THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMY. ON TOP OF THAT, CONSTRUCTION ON ROUTE 50 WOULD LIMIT PARKING FOR THE FESTIVAL. THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN THE 42ND YEAR FOR THE SANDY POINT FESTIVAL. ORGANIZERS SAY IT WILL BE BACK IN 2009.

FAMILY ISSUES

6AM - 4/2

THERE MAY BE A LINK BETWEEN AUTISM.. AND PREMATURE BIRTH. A SMALL STUDY OF TODDLERS FINDS THAT ABOUT ONE-QUARTER OF BABIES BORN VERY PREMATURELY HAD SIGNS OF AUTISM. THE RESEARCH IS PRELIMINARY.. SINCE FORMAL AUTISM TESTING WASN'T DONE. BUT RESEARCHERS SAY THE RESULTS ARE PROVOCATIVE. THE STUDY IS PUBLISHED IN THE APRIL ISSUE OF THE JOURNAL, "PEDIATRICS."

6AM - 5/27

A FAMILY IS WELCOMING FOUR NEW BUNDLES OF JOY! NELLY ITULA SAYS SHE AND HER HUSBAND HAD PRAYED FOR A CHILD.... THEN DISCOVERED SHE WAS PREGNANT... WITH QUADRUPLETS! PAUL, FREDERICK, PAULETTA AND FRED A WERE BORN ON FRIDAY. THE BABIES WILL STAY IN THE HOSPITAL FOR ABOUT A MONTH... BUT DOCTORS SAY THEY ARE DOING WELL.

6AM - 6/10

SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENTS HAVE A NEW WAY OF GETTING THEIR BENEFITS. THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT SAYS PEOPLE WITHOUT BANK ACCOUNTS CAN NOW GET THEIR PAYMENTS ON A DEBIT CARD.. INSTEAD OF A PAPER CHECK. THAT CHANGE COULD SAVE SOME RECIPIENTS CHECK CASHING CHARGES. AND IT COULD SAVE THE GOVERNMENT UP TO 42-MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR.

6AM - 6/13

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR, TO START SLATHERING ON BUG SPRAY ALONG WITH THAT SUNSCREEN... BUT PARENTS BEWARE: NOT EVERY REPELLENT IS RIGHT FOR YOUR CHILD, COATING YOUR KIDS WITH THE STUFF THAT CONTAINS THE CHEMICAL DEET.. IN CONCENTRATIONS OF LESS THAN TEN PERCENT.. IS GENERALLY A GOOD IDEA. THAT SHOULD PROTECT THEM FROM MOSQUITOS, FLIES AND TICKS FOR UP TO TWO HOURS. YET PEDIATRICIANS SAY =NEVER= APPLY DEET TO AN INFANT, TWO MONTHS OR UNDER.. BECAUSE THEIR SKIN IS SO ABSORBENT. ALSO, AVOID OPEN CUTS...AND THINK TWICE BEFORE YOU TRY THE SUNSCREEN WITH DEET ALREADY ADDED-IN. RE-APPLYING SUNSCREEN OF THAT KIND COULD MEAN YOUR KIDS ARE COVERED IN TOO MUCH DEET.

12PM - 6/3

D-C CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY IS SEEING A 20-PERCENT SPIKE IN THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES. THE DIRECTOR POINTS TO MORE AWARENESS AND MORE OPEN CASES SINCE JANUARY, WHEN BANITA JACKS' FOUR DAUGHTERS WERE DISCOVERED DEAD. SIX SOCIAL WORKERS WERE FIRED FOR CLOSING THAT CASE AND NOT FOLLOWING UP ON REPORTS OF ABUSE IN THE JACKS FAMILY.

11PM - 4/30

TAX REBATE CHECKS WORTH HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS WILL SOON BE ARRIVING IN THE MAIL. SCAMMERS ARE *ALREADY* TRYING TO TAKE THE MONEY FROM YOU. SEVERAL PURCELLVILLE EMPLOYEES RECEIVED AN E-MAIL URGING THEM TO HAVE THEIR REBATE ELECTRONICALLY DEPOSITED INTO THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS. THE E-MAIL POINTED THEM TO A WEBSITE WHICH ASKS FOR PERSONAL INFORMATION LIKE SOCIAL SECURITY AND BANK ACCOUNT NUMBERS.

ELDERLY & AGING

5AM - 6/27

D-C'S 'OLD POST OFFICE' COULD BE ON TRACK FOR A MAJOR MAKEOVER! THE HOUSE HAS GREEN LIGHTED A BILL TO REDEVELOP THE PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE LANDMARK. D-C DELEGATE ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON WANTS THE GOVERNMENT TO PARTNER WITH A DEVELOPER TO REVAMP THE AGING FACILITY. IT WAS BUILT BACK IN 18-99, AND NOW HOUSES OFFICES AND A FOOD COURT. THE BILL NOW HEADS TO THE SENATE.

6AM - 5/8

MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE ARE ON THE HUNT FOR A POSSIBLE SERIAL ATTACKER.. A HOME INVASION ROBBERY. ON TUESDAY NIGHT, AN ELDERLY COUPLE WAS ATTACKED BY AN ARMED MAN INSIDE THEIR BETHESDA HOME. THE SUSPECT BOUND THE COUPLE WITH DUCT TAPE AND RANSACKED THE HOME. POLICE SAY THIS ATTACK IS SIMILAR TO THREE OTHERS IN RECENT MONTHS.

6AM - 6/12

BRIGHT LIGHT MAY HELP THE ELDERLY IMPROVE THEIR BRAIN POWER. RESEARCHERS DISCOVERED THAT BRIGHT LIGHTING CAN ELIMINATE SOME SYMPTOMS OF DEMENTIA. THEY FOUND THAT BRIGHT LIGHT IMPROVED THINKING SKILLS, AND REDUCED SYMPTOMS OF DEPRESSION. THE LIGHTING WORKED BETTER THAN TRADITIONAL MEDICATION THAT'S GIVEN TO THOSE WITH EARLY MEMORY LOSS.

5PM - 5/7

AN 83-YEAR-OLD HOWARD COUNTY MAN REMAINS BEHIND BARS -- AFTER A JUDGE DENIED HIM BAIL. CALVIN PAYNE ALLEGEDLY ATTACKED HIS 81-YEAR-OLD WIFE WITH A HAMMER ON MONDAY. AT THE BAIL HEARING, THE COUPLE'S SON SAID HIS FATHER IS TOO DANGEROUS TO BE RELEASED. ALMA PAYNE IS HOSPITALIZED WITH HEAD INJURIES AND FOUR BROKEN FINGERS.

6PM - 5/19

THE LONGEST SERVING U-S SENATOR IS ENDORSING BARACK OBAMA. 90-YEAR OLD DEMOCRAT, ROBERT BYRD, IS BACKING OBAMA EVEN THOUGH HIS STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA VOTED OVERWHELMINGLY FOR HILLARY CLINTON. SENATOR BYRD WAS ONCE CONNECTED TO THE KU KLUX KLAN, BUT HAS RENOUNCED THAT TIME OF HIS LIFE. HE CALLED OBAMA A SHINING YOUNG STATESMAN WITH THE QUALITIES TO END THE IRAQ WAR.

11PM - 6/11

TWO MARYLAND DEATHS ARE NOW BLAMED ON THIS WEEK'S HEAT WAVE. A 79-YEAR-OLD MAN FROM ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY AND A 65-YEAR-OLD PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MAN BOTH PASSED AWAY ON MONDAY. MEDICAL EXAMINERS SAY THEY DIED FROM HEART DISEASE COMPLICATED BY HYPERTHERMIA.. WHICH IS ALSO KNOWN AS HEAT STROKE.

WABA 2008 Ascertainment:

Prepared by: John Quinn 5/23/08

This year's meeting was held on May 21, 2008 at the NAB to ascertain the needs of the community. Here is a summary of the presenting organizations and individuals. Stations Represented: ABC 7 NewsChannel 8, WTTG, WUSA, WHUT, WDCA, WTOP, Bonneville Radio, WAVA, WMAL, WRQX, WJZW, WJFK, WMET FOX 5 is planning a mentoring campaign for January 2009

AAA Mid-Atlantic

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AAA and its affiliated clubs in the United States and Canada are committed to promoting safe and efficient mobility and to improving safety for all of those who use the transportation system. AAA clubs carry out this commitment in communities across the country. At the national level, AAA continually monitors and responds to federal and state legislative and regulatory measures that affect the traveling public. AAA focuses special attention on three high risk groups – children, teens, and seniors.

Issues:

- Traffic Safety
 - Driver Fatalities there were 500 fatalities in 2007, 40, 000 nationally due to highway accidents.
 - Pedestrian fatalities 20 this year in the metro area
 - Vacation travel is expected to decline due to rising gas prices
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Chinatown Community Center

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The Chinatown Community Cultural Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, located in the thriving Chinatown neighborhood of Downtown Washington D.C. The Center seeks to preserve and promote Chinatown and celebrate Chinese culture, history, language, and heritage. The organization enriches the lives of locals and visitors alike through a variety of programs focused on Chinese cultural exploration while simultaneously offering the necessary job skills training for immigrant populations. The Chinatown Community Cultural Center is the heartbeat of Chinatown and Washington D.C.'s premier destination where East meets West.

Issues:

- Chinese-owned businesses are relocating to the suburbs throughout the metropolitan area.
- Would like increased public awareness of the organization and its cultural programs like the Chinese New year promotion, The China exchange Program

The China Exchange program is in its' second year. The first year (October 2006-August 2007) was a great success. All of the 15 students acquired the foundation of reading, speaking, listening, writing and typing Chinese. After an intensive summer program of language and culture studies they took their first trip to China. During this trip they were able to put the language practices to use for ordering food, bargaining in local markets, and buying many souvenirs. After returning to America the students faced a daunting task—continuing their language studies on Saturday mornings while holding down part-time jobs, preparing for the SATs, maintain their strong G.P.A (most of our student's G.P.A. are in the 4.0-4.2 G.P.A range), study for their AP courses (college level courses offered in high school) , maintaining their leadership roles in school clubs, and of course hanging out with their friends, as all teenagers must do.

DC Chamber of Commerce

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President CEO
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While the Chamber fully intends to continue its advocacy for business-friendly legislation in 2008, the overriding theme of its Policy Agenda focuses on achieving three, important goals:

1. Building a Competitive and Diverse Local Economy.
2. Seeking Improvement of City Services to Increase Business Competitiveness and Regional Growth.
3. Supporting Public Education Reform and Student Achievement to Improve Job Readiness.

Issues:

- Education
- Summer jobs for youth
- There are 700,000 jobs in the District. 200,000 of these jobs are held by non-district residents. The Chamber of commerce would like more jobs to be filled by D.C. residents.
- There is a need to expand the tax base.
- 50% of the land in the District is federally owned and cannot be taxed.
- How can D.C. attract and retain more businesses

Charles County Maryland Board of Supervisors

George Clarkson

Press Secretary

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Issues:

- Promote growth and ethnic diversity. The Board has created a of diversity and social issues.
- Promote new jobs.
- The Board is considering the purchase of hovercrafts as an alternate form of commuter transportation to the District.
- The county is building a new airport which will be able to accommodate 10 passenger jet aircraft. Construction begins in July.
- Increase public awareness of the amateur baseball team
- The county is celebrating its 350th anniversary and is proud of the large Native American and African American population

Dept of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs

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The mission of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs is to protect the health, safety, economic interests, and quality of life of residents, businesses, and visitors in the District of Columbia by issuing licenses and permits, conducting inspections, enforcing building, housing, and safety codes, regulating land use and development, and providing consumer education and advocacy services.

Issues:

- The department's goal is to help protect the safety of visitors and residents in the District. They also handle complaints regarding tenant living conditions the number to call for assistance is 202-442-4400
- Building Code violations

Fairfax County Health Department

10777 Main Street Suite 211

Fairfax, VA 22030

Ester Walker

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Issues:

- Infant Mortality- deaths are related to low birth weight
- The Department has created a “Saving Babies” campaign to increase public awareness of infant mortality. The national average is 6.8%, in Virginia it is 5.8% Maryland has a rate of 8.5% and the rate in the District is 12.2%.
- The at-risk groups are Hispanics and African Americans. In Virginia the highest rates are in Herndon, Falls Church and Great Falls.

Key Messages

Know the signs of Pre-Term labor

Folic Acid 3 months prior to conception reduces risk by 80%

Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

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Ana Recio Harvey

President/CEO

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The Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GWHCC) was established in 1976 and originally known as the Ibero American Chamber of Commerce. Today, GWHCC seeks to unite and represent a business-aimed constituency integrated by the Iberian Peninsula (Spain and Portugal) and Latin America. GWHCC has witnessed a significant increase in the Hispanic population in the Greater Washington Metropolitan area. Recognizing the significant growth of Hispanics with regard to population, purchasing power and business ownership, projections for the Hispanic community indicate that these numbers will continue to rise, greatly increasing the importance of maintaining a strong Hispanic Chamber presence.

GWHCC is also able to work in promoting Washington, DC as a tourist and commerce destination. The Chamber plays an active role in receiving delegations from Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula and also participates in a number of conferences in the Washington, DC region that focus on international issues. GWHCC's program with the BizLaunch office of Arlington Economic Development in Arlington County, Virginia serve the purpose of developing and managing programs and activities designed to overcome barriers faced by Hispanic businesses and entrepreneurs. We work to improve outreach and business assistance services to the Spanish-speaking small business and entrepreneurial community.

Issues:

- Trying to attract the growing number of Hispanic-owned businesses
- Immigration and fear of the police department within the Hispanic community
- Ethnic Profiling
- Nutrition/obesity
- Work Force Development- the Chamber provides educational programs on how to start a business, how to comply with local laws and consumer information on predatory lending

Neighbors Consejo

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Neighbors' Consejo was founded in 1994 with the intention of helping low-income, underserved immigrants and residents attain socioeconomic, emotional, employment and financial stability. It is the only full-time, bilingual social service organizations that has the capacity to provide comprehensive outreach, advocacy and educational services to Spanish-speaking homeless men and women who suffer from addiction, alcoholism and mental health problems. Their approach to building a sustainable core of life skills and stability within each person begins with our overall commitment to holistic care and empowerment.

Its mission is to provide multicultural services for the homeless, addicted and low-income men, women, and families of Washington D.C., in the neighborhoods of Adams Morgan, Columbia Heights and Mount Pleasant. We work to connect men and women to social and economic opportunities and to empower them to self-sufficiency. The organization served more than 3,000 homeless and low-income men and women in and around the neighborhoods of Adams Morgan, Columbia Heights and Mount Pleasant and elsewhere in the metropolitan Washington area. In 2002 they were able to connect 1,090 homeless and low-income Latino-Hispanic men, women and their families to essential social services, bilingual medical access, transitional and affordable housing, and educational training and is currently seeing an average of 75 new clients per month.

Issues:

- The organization has a need for financial assistance in the form of corporate sponsorships it does not receive funds from the D.C. Government on a reliable basis.

Friends of the National Zoo (FONZ)

3001 Connecticut Ave, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20008

Bob Lamb

202-673-0209

Issues:

- To attract new members
- To better connect children with nature
- The Zoo is working on a new master plan blueprint for its future
- The Zoo's directive is for the advancement of Public Education, Research and breeding of animals in captivity and to connect people with wildlife.
- FONZ has 1850 volunteers who work on projects ranging from animal behavior watches to public information.
- In addition to the Connecticut Avenue facilities, the National Zoo has 3,000 acres of land in Front Royal.

Prince William County Sheriff's Office

9311 Lee Avenue

Manassas, VA 220110

Maj John Collier

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Issues:

- The drug and crime market is in the suburbs
- There is a need to teach parents about computers and inappropriate messages
- Illegal Immigration
- Originally started in 1998, The Amber Alert program has recovered 400 missing children nationally.

EPA Chesapeake Bay Program

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The Chesapeake Bay Program is a unique regional partnership that has led and directed the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay since 1983. The Chesapeake Bay Program partners include the states of Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia; the District of Columbia; the Chesapeake Bay Commission, a tri-state legislative body; the Environmental Protection Agency, representing the federal government; and participating citizen advisory groups. For more, visit our overview of the Chesapeake Bay Program. The Bay Program is a partnership of people and organizations, ranging from federal and state agencies to local governments to non-profits and academic institutions.

Issues:

- Population Growth
- Agriculture/Fertilizers there is too much nitrogen in the Bay
- Waste Water
- To increase public awareness and change population behavior

Greater DC Cares

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Sarah Repking

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Greater DC Cares is the leading coordinator of volunteering and business philanthropy in the Washington region. It is a network of thousands of volunteers and hundreds of nonprofits and businesses working together to make this the best place to live and work for all who live here. Greater DC Cares is an innovator in the field of philanthropy. The organization is a non-monetary community foundation. Like a traditional foundation, it provides grants to nonprofit organizations to help build their capacity. The grants are in the form of community assets other than dollars.

Issue:

- Need for more skilled pro-bono consultants from the business community

Emmaus Services for the Aging

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Emmaus Services for the Aging was founded in 1978 by a coalition of five faith communities to provide a variety of services to low-income seniors in Washington, DC. The organization coordinates more than 645 volunteers a year who assist with various programs and services for seniors age 60+ in the metro area

Advocacy

- Eviction prevention and housing advocacy
- Help with government and private aid applications like food stamps and reduced cost utilities
- Legal advice through Legal Counsel for the Elderly, an AARP Foundation project
- Advocacy for seniors in long-term care facilities through DC Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

Food Assistance

- Monthly supplemental food delivery
- Feast for All Senior Food Market
- Holiday Events (Thanksgiving meal delivery, Annual Holiday Party, Holiday Gift Delivery)

Health & Wellness

- Reassurance calls and visits from a compassionate volunteer
- Confidential visits from a licensed social worker
- Exercise and nutrition programs
- Health screenings, prescription drug advice, blood pressure checks
- Health Workshops

Senior Activities & Programs

- CyberSeniors Computer Training (in collaboration with SeniorNet & HRC Foundation)
- Doula to Accompany and Comfort Program for seniors with serious illnesses